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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AU, OVIP (CLIFFORD, CLARK M.)

SUBJECT: CLIFFORD MISSION: CALL ON KREISKY IN VIENNA

1. CALL ON CHANCELLOR KREISKY IS SCHEDULED FOR 11:00 A.M. FEBRUARY 17. IN ADDITION TO KREISKY'S KNOWN KEEN INTEREST IN HEARING USG VIEWS ON GREECE, URKEY AND CYPRUS ISSUES, WE SUGGEST FOLLOWING GENERAL TALKING POINTS BE REGISTERED IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION:

A) WE APPRECIATE AUSTRIA'S CONTINUED CONTRIBUTION OF TROOPS TO UN PEACE-KEEPING CONTINGENTS ON CYPRUS AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND IN ITS MAKING VIENNA AVAILABLE AS SITE FOR CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

B) AUSTRIA HAS AMPLE REASON TO BE PROUD OF ITS QUIET AND EFFECTIVE HANDLING OF THE CONTINUING TUC THROUGH AN AUSTRIAN TRANSIT FACILITY OF SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRANTS GOING TO ISRAEL OR ELSEWHERE.

C) WE CONSIDER AUSTRIA'S BICENTENNIAL GIFT TO THE U.S. A MOST UNIQUE AND GENEROUS ONE. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHAIRS FOR AUSTRIAN STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA AND STANFORD UNIVERSITY WILL FURTHER
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STRENGTHEN EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES. (VIENNA 0912).

D) WE FEEL AS YOU DO THAT VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERN ALL GOVERNMENTS. WE NOTE WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THAT AUSTRIA AND THE UNITED STATES ARE OF LIKE MIND IN SPEAKING OUT IN SUPPORT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS

STRUGGLE IN EE COUNTRIES, SPECIALLY OF THE CHARTER 77
SIGNERS. (VIENNA 688, VIENNA 1089).

2. MEDIA INTEREST IN CLIFFORD VISIT TO VIENNA IS
INCREASING NOTICEABLY. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT NBC
TV CREW COMING FROM BONN FOR SPECIAL COVERAGE. EMBASSY
HAS RECEIVED MEDIA QUERIES AS TO PRESS ARRANGEMENTS
RE ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT, AND POST-WALDHEIM AND KREISKY
MEETINGS. SUGGEST CLIFFORD MEET INFORMALLY WITH PRESS
THESE OCCASIONS, IF SITUATION WARRANTS. WOULD APPRECIATE
GUIDANCE FOREGOING POINTS.

3. FOREGIN MINSTER PAHR AND WIFE ARE HOSTING AN
EVENING AT ONE OF VIENNA'S FAMOUS WINE TAVERNS ON
OCCASION OF VISIT OF WALDHEIM. INVITATION BEING
EXTENDED TO CLARK CLIFFORD TO ATTEND, BEGINNING 8:00
P.M. FEBRUARY 16. FOREIGN OFFICE INFORMED EARLIER OF
CLIFFORD'S DESIRE TO KEEP FEBRUARY 16 EVENING FREE BUT
NEVERTHELESS EXTENDED INVITATION AS COURTESY. WE ARE
PREPARED TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN INVITATIONS FOR OTHER
PRINCIPALS IN MISSION, IF DESIRED, OR TO REGRET
INVITATION. PLEASE ADVISE.MEEHAN

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